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1. 8 MAY ISSUE OF LE FIGARO HAS ARTICLE ON MARCEL FRANCISCI TRIAL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 7 MAY IN PARIS AND WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED ON 11 MAY. TRIAL TAKING PLACE BECAUSE FRANCISCI HAS BROUGHT DEFAMATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TIME MAGAZINE, WHICH ACCUSED HIM OF BEING ONE OF GRAND BONNETS DE LA DROGUE.

2. STAFF MEMES FOR THE DEFENSE (TIME MAGAZINE) ^{Q) Unrelated to} ~~the trial of~~ ^{the trial of} MARCEL FRANCISCI WAS AMERICAN LAWYER HERBERT X-KIN, WHO HAS BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION IN NUMEROUS TRIALS OF MAFIA LEADERS IN THE STATES AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NARCOTICS DEALINGS IN 1967 WITH MARCEL F. X-KIN ALSO CLAIMED TO WORK FOR HERALD AS WELL AS FOR THE FBI. SEVERAL FORMER BNDD AGENTS WHO WERE ACTIVE IN FRANCE, WERE AT HAND TO TESTIFY AGAINST FRANCISCI. DEFENSE WANTED TO INTRODUCE INFO FROM LOUIS COUMERET LETTER ROGATOIRE WHICH, FOR PROCEDURAL

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3. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MR. CUSTER
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